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Photo essay -- Operation Arctic Care veterinarians perform critical procedures

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Capt. Brooke Henderson (left), veterinarian, 993rd Medical Detachment, U.S. Army Reserve, performs an eye exam on Wilson, a Maltese-mix puppy, in Nome April 18 while U.S. Army Reserve Sgt. Andrew King, 949th Medical Detachment, holds him during the procedure. "We just came from Brevig Mission where we performed 40 vaccinations and seven surgeries," Henderson said. Photo by Maj. Guy Hayes, Alaska National Guard Public Affairs.

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Capt. Brooke Henderson, veterinarian, 993rd Medical Detachment, U.S. Army Reserve, performs an ear exam on Wilson, a Maltese-mix puppy, April 18 prior to veterinarians neutering the pet in Nome. This was Henderson's first visit to Alaska in support of Operation Arctic Care. "It's very rewarding as a mission and great training for future deployments," Henderson said. Photo by Maj. Guy Hayes, Alaska National Guard Public Affairs.

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Cpl. Amanda Palko (left), veterinarian technician, 993rd Medical Detachment, U.S. Army Reserve, prepares Wilson, a Maltese-mix puppy, for a neuter procedure in Nome April 18, while U.S. Army Reserve Sgt. Andrew King, 949th Medical Detachment, keeps the dog calm. "I'm acting as the anesthesiologist and will monitor him throughout the procedure," Palko said. Photo by Maj. Guy Hayes, Alaska National Guard Public Affairs.

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Capt. Jeff Richards, veterinarian, 993rd Medical Detachment, U.S. Army Reserve, fills a syringe with telazol, a anesthesia for small animals, prior to neutering a Maltese-mix puppy in Nome April 18, "We are trying some injectable protocols which is a little bit different than some of the gas anesthesia, so this is good training for us to try some different anesthetic techniques while we're up here," Richards said. Photo by Maj. Guy Hayes, Alaska National Guard Public Affairs.

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Capt. Jeff Richards, veterinarian, 993rd Medical Detachment, U.S. Army Reserve, injects a syringe filled with anesthesia into Wilson, a Maltese-mix puppy, while U.S. Army Reserve Sgt. Andrew King, 949th Medical Detachment, holds him during the procedure. "Taking care of the animals is really important with canine parvovirus, which is dysentery and is pretty contagious amongst the other animals, so it's really key we get them vaccinated up here," Richards said. Photo by Maj. Guy Hayes, Alaska National Guard Public Affairs.

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Cpl. Amanda Palko, veterinarian technician, 993rd Medical Detachment, U.S. Army Reserve, hooks Wilson, a Maltese-mix puppy, up to an EKG machine to monitor the dog during a neuter procedure April 18 in Nome. "The winters here are hard enough to feed the people, so spaying and neutering keeps the animal population down to a controllable level," Palko said. Photo by Maj. Guy Hayes, Alaska National Guard Public Affairs.

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Capt. Jeff Richards, veterinarian, 993rd Medical Detachment, U.S. Army Reserve, neuters a Maltese-mix puppy April 18 in Nome. "This was our first operation at the Nome site, and the training has been good for our team," Richards said. Photo by Maj. Guy Hayes, Alaska National Guard Public Affairs.

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